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CONSTANT AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

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1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2001-215151, published August 10, 2001.
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3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-330051, published November 30, 1999.

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5. U.S. Patent No. 6,046,485 issued April 4, 2000.
6. U.S. Patent No. 6,333,270 issued December 25, 2001.
7. P. Handel, "Quantum approach to $1/f$ noise", Physical Review A, Vol. 22, No. 2, (August 1980), pp. 745-757.
8. U.S. Patent No. 6,448,557 issued September 10, 2002.

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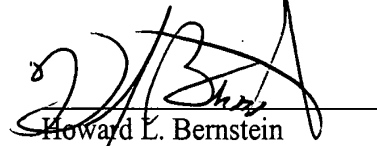
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